IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 14, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thomson submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Joseph, praying an increase of pension, beg leave to report:

That it appears from the official records that the petitioner, then attached to the United States ship Congress, "was wounded severely in a sharp skirmish with the Mexicans on shore, about four or five miles from Mazatlan, during the night of the 19th November, 1847," in consequence of which his left fore-arm was amputated the next day.

He is now in the receipt of six dollars per month, which is the highest rate of pension allowed to a seaman for total disability. He now asks

that his stipend be increased to twenty dollars per month.

The loss of his arm might be evidence of a just claim upon the part of the petitioner, yet in the absence of a change in the general law, this case cannot be distinguished from others equally meritorious.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the

petitioner be denied.

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Mrs. Troppers submitted the following

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It appears that the business of the positioner was a lieutement of anginous, and that as early as the year 1806 he was ordered to West Point to discharge the duries of assistant instructor in mathematics; that in 1808 he was appointed superintradient of the institution, and that he continued to set as such until some time in the year 1817, having, in the meantime, been promoted to a captainty in his otype.—It turther amount, from a memorial addressed to Samress. But

It further appears, from a memorial addressed to Congress, but which seems never to have been presented by Captain Lastridge, and which is filed with the petition in this case, that he glaimist for corn services as assistant and principal professor of mathematics, assistant depicts quartermaster of the peal, and for transportation of bargage, the sum of six hundred and eighteen dollars, (\$618.) and that this claim was submitted to the Secretary of War about the year 1816, when declined to allow the same on the ground that there was no law under and by virtue of which the same could be allowed.

With the exception of some letters, filed also with the petition, referring in general terms to the valuable and important services rendered by Captain Partridge while acting as superintendent, there is no